

## Sample Test Items

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In an effort to maintain the security of test items, instructional materials that contain sample test questions (whether generated locally or shared from another school system) must be shared with the principal and the school system test coordinator prior to use. The principal must report to the school system test coordinator that such instructional materials exist. All such documents are to be reviewed by the school system test coordinator prior to use in the district. The school system test coordinator must report to the regional accountability coordinator (RAC) that such documents exist. Copies of documents containing sample test items must be submitted to the NCDPI through the regional accountability coordinator (RAC) for clearance prior to use.

For clarification, such instructional materials do not include individual teacher-made tests for use in individual classrooms, ancillary materials provided by textbook publishers, or vendors' test item banks. The intent of this policy is to facilitate a review of sample test questions that may actually contain secure test items. An appropriate guideline for this is any materials of which the origin is not known (for example, a photocopied collection of sample test questions found in a file cabinet). However, the NCDPI will review any materials the school system submits. School systems and the North Carolina Testing Program must work together to maintain the security of the testing system since the cost of replacing compromised test items is prohibitive and impacts the delivery of multiple forms of the tests.

The NCDPI Division of Accountability Services/North Carolina Testing Program has sample test items available for grades 3 through 8. Sample test items may be found at the following web sites:

- Grade 3 Pretest sample items are available at [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/grade3practiceactivity/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/grade3practiceactivity/)
- End-of-grade sample test items are available at [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/eog](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/eog)
- Computer skills tests sample items are available in the student handbook at [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/computerskills/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/computerskills/)

Sample test items are also available for high school tests:

- End-of-course sample test items are available at [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/eoc](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/eoc)
- High school comprehensive sample items are available in the teacher handbook at [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/highschoolcomprehensive/index.html](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/highschoolcomprehensive/index.html)
- Competency tests of reading and mathematics sample items are available in the student handbook at [www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/competency/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/testing/competency/)